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Tom Slocum
Chair, SRFB Review Panel
Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
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Re: San Juan County WRIA 2 Lead Entity, Cascade Creek Acquisition, #15-1300.

Dear Chairman Slocum,

The Cascade Creek Acquisition project will protect the mouth of this creek and ¼ mile of the creek corridor. Cascade Creek is one of the few creeks in the San Juan Islands with a guaranteed year around flow through the purchase of water rights. Most of the watershed lies within Moran State Park. The Cascade Creek acquisition scored #2 out of five by our Citizen's Advisory group and Technical Advisory Group. There is broad support for this project in both groups.

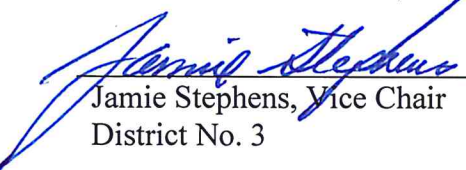
We understand your concern that the property is unique and that unrestricted public use could degrade this sensitive site. The Land Bank will submit a draft Stewardship plan to you per your request.

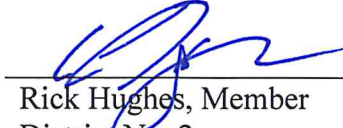
We support the public having access to this site. Our constituents must be able to visit these sites so that they continue to have a vested interest in future SRFB funding. The Land Bank is known for their stewardship. They closely monitor their properties to ensure both public enjoyment and the protection of sensitive areas. The focus of this acquisition is the protection of this unique area.

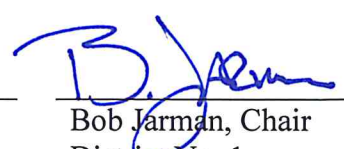
We support this project and ask for your recommendation for SRFB funding.

Best regards,

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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